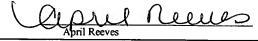
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005, for which the shortened statutory period for response ended on May 9, 2005. Accompanying this Response is a Petition for a one-month extension of time and the petition fee according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), extending the time for response to June 9, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper

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